

## **Tiffany Kersten, Forsythe's Visitor Services Specialist**

Tiffany Kersten, the new Visitor Services Specialist of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, comes with an extensive background in conservation work. She attended Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. There, she earned a B.S. in Natural Resources. Her concentration was in Wildlife Ecology. She augments her degree with a technical certificate in Supervisory Leadership from Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College.

While a student at Northland, Tiffany worked for the United States Forest Service on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The forest encompasses more than 1.5 million acres of Wisconsin's Northwoods. Her duty station was at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. The center is comprised of 6 different agencies, including three federal: US Forest Service, National Park Service, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service.



Her work during college and after graduation has included:

- Visitor Services experience with the public
- Designing and implementing youth environmental education programming
- Interacting with federal, state, and non-profit agencies - all working toward a common goal
- Bird, amphibian, fish, and plant surveys
- A winter in Hawaii banding endemic songbirds
- Monitoring endangered nesting shorebirds on Cape Cod, Massachusetts
- Interpretive Naturalist for New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Bird Observatory

Tiffany's varied experiences will be an asset to the visitor services at Forsythe. Visitor experiences will be enhanced by her extensive knowledge of the shorebirds and creatures living here at Forsythe. She is excited about her debut appointment with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. And, Tiffany is elated to be back in New Jersey for another interesting and challenging assignment.